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SUBJ: POLITICAL ASPECTS OF IV GRANT

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1. WE ASKED FOR PARTIAL LEADER GRANT FOR DR. ALEXIS SAREI, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF BOUGAINVILLE IN REFTEL.

2. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY WE CHECKED WITH DFRT LAST MONTH, AND WERE TOLD GPNG HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH GRANT. POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH BOUGAINVILLE HAVE WORSENERED IN MEANTIME. BOUGAINVILLE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF SENDING DELEGATION TO UN TO PLEAD FOR INDEPENDENCE OF BOUGAINVILLE. IF THIS DELEGATION MATERIALIZES, SAREI MIGHT BE ON IT, AND IF SO, WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO HELP FUND THE TRIP.

3. HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL PROCESS GRANT FOR SAREI, BUT WE WILL WAIT UNTIL LATER TO INFORM HIM SO THAT WE CAN REEVALUATE SITUATION AND CHECK AGAIN WITH DFRT BEFORE MAKING THE FINAL DECISION. HE LEAVES FOR U.S. TN JULY 7, BUT WILL SPEND MONTH ON VACATION IN CALIFORNIA BEFORE STARTING A LEADER GRANT (IF OFFERED). HENCE WE COULD

WAIT UNTIL HE IS IN U.S. BEFORE NOTIFYING HIM GRANT HAS BEEN APPROVED IF BOUGAINVILLE SITUATION IS STILL

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